

Get to Know Belmont

A Resource Guide

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TOWN OF BELMONT

455 CONCORD AVENUE
BELMONT, MA 02478

www.belmont-ma.gov

Hours:

Monday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Compiled By: Belmont Town Clerk's Office
617-993-2600

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Welcome to Belmont

Town of Belmont Incorporated in 1859

Form of Government:	Representative Town Meeting
Executive Authority:	Elected Board of Selectmen
Population (2018):	25,130
Registered Voters (2018):	17,196
County:	Middlesex
State Representative, 24 th Middlesex District:	Dave Rogers
Senator, 2 nd Suffolk & Middlesex District:	William N. Brownsberger
State U.S. Senators:	Elizabeth Warren & Edward Markey
Representative, 5 th Congressional District of MA:	Katherine Clark

History and Facts by Richard Betts

Settlement in the area that now includes Belmont began in 1630, when Sir Richard Saltonstall and approximately 40 families separated from the first settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and moved inland to start an agricultural community. Originally called Pequotette after the local Indian tribe, the name of the new town soon changed to Watertown. In 1638, by order of the General Court, Watertown paid the Pequotette Indians the sum of 13 pounds, 7 shillings and 6 pence for the land.

The original settlement spread inland extensively into the present towns of Watertown, Waltham, Weston, Lincoln, and parts of Cambridge and Belmont. In 1738, Waltham seceded from Watertown, and the future Belmont was now part of three towns.

In 1805, Frederick Tudor began cutting ice on Fresh Pond. As his business grew, he decided to build a railroad from his wharves in Charlestown to Fresh Pond. This line was built about 1843.

With the railroad so near, the citizens of Waltham clamored to have it extended to their village which was granted and the line ran through what was to become the Town of Belmont. The railroad made the purely agricultural community available for residences of well-to-do Bostonians. Settlements centered around Wellington Station (now Belmont Center), Waverley Station, and Hill's crossing station.

Those settlements grew into villages, but local government arrangements were annoying because citizens had to go to Watertown, Waltham, or West Cambridge (now Arlington) to vote and attend town meetings. A group of about 1,000 people joined together in the early 1850's and announced their desire to form a separate town. One of the most enthusiastic advocates was John Perkins Cushing, the largest taxpayer of the proposed town, who gave generously and openly to the incorporation expense on the condition that it be named after his 200 acre estate "Bellmont."

The towns of Watertown, Waltham, and West Cambridge fought the proposed creation of a new town, but in the end the battle was won and on March 18, 1859 the Town of Belmont was born. Of the then total area of 5 square miles, 2.26 were taken from Watertown, 0.67 from Waltham, and 2.82 from West Cambridge. The population was 1,175 of whom 170 were registered voters and 325 were school children. The new town was a widespread collection of fruit farms and market gardens. Produce from Belmont farms was sold at Faneuil Hall market. Specialties included celery, tomatoes, cucumbers, berries, and small fruits. In fact, "Belmont" became a term of distinction indicating quality and large size.

The original town included a part of present day Cambridge including half of Fresh Pond. Because of a controversy over a slaughter house erected in Belmont on the banks of the pond which was the drinking water supply for Cambridge, 0.89 square mile of Belmont was annexed in 1880 to that city.

This left Belmont with a total area of 4.676 square miles. Minor adjustments due to various Route 2 widenings makes the total area 4.655 square miles today.

In the 1900's, the large number of artists, authors, educators, physicians, and scientists moving to the town doubled its population. As a result, the farming community disappeared. Belmont today, with a population of 25,349, is almost entirely residential and is known as "The Town of Homes."

Following is a list of Town Departments and a brief summary of the services each provides. Please call if you have any questions or refer to the Town website (www.belmont-ma.gov) for additional information. If you do not know which department to call, start by contacting the Town Clerk's Office.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

617-993-2600

Elected Town Clerk, Ellen O'Brien Cushman

455 Concord Avenue

<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/town-clerk>

The Town Clerk acts as the Town's chief election official, recording officer, registrar of vital records and statistics, public Records Access Officer and licensing officer and is the point for general information to Belmont's inhabitants, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Federal Government and the general public.

The current Town Clerk is also commissioned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public and serves on the Board of Registrars of Voters.

If you are new to town, stop by the Clerk's Office to complete a Belmont Census Form. The Census is a reference for the Emergency 911 system and will provide proof of your Belmont residency. A certified Belmont Census is required to enroll for Belmont Public School System. The Belmont Census and pet license application is mailed to all households each January.

Register to Vote: Register to Vote: To register to vote in Massachusetts, you must be a citizen of the United States and be at least 18 years old on or before the next election, and a resident of Massachusetts. Pre-registration is available to US citizens age 16-17. Residents of MA can register to vote online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com. Or, register to vote in person at the Town Clerk's Office or by mail. A Voter Registration Form can be downloaded from the Town Clerk's website. Although you may have been registered to vote in another Massachusetts community, if you move your residence to or within Belmont, you must register to vote at your new address. Deadline to register to vote or change party enrollment is 20 days prior to next election. The Town Clerk's office is open until 8:00 that evening.



Election Dates:

Elections



Town Election, 1st Tuesday in April, plus State and applicable special elections per the state calendar. Polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

POLLING LOCATIONS

- Precinct 1: Belmont Memorial Library, Assembly Room, 336 Concord Ave.
- Precinct 2: Belmont Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 455 Concord Ave.
- Precinct 3: Beech Street Center (Senior Center), 266 Beech Street
- Precinct 4: Daniel Butler School, 90 White Street
- Precinct 5: Beech Street Center (Senior Center), 266 Beech Street
- Precinct 6: Belmont Fire Headquarters, 299 Trapelo Road
- Precinct 7: Burbank School, 266 School Street
- Precinct 8: Winn Brook, Gymnasium, 97 Waterhouse Road (enter from Cross St)

Absentee Ballots by Mail:



Absentee Ballots must be requested in writing and the request must contain the signature of the voter; ballots are not simply handed out. The ballot must be mailed by the Town Clerk's Office to the voter. In-person Absentee Voting is available at the Town Clerk's office prior to each election. Check the website for times and dates.

Absentee ballot applications are valid through December 31st only. A new application must be filed for each calendar year.

Additional required information includes; date, your name, Belmont voting address, time period or election for which the ballot is requested, mailing address for the ballot and the reason you require an absentee ballot, or complete, sign and submit an Absentee Ballot Application form. The form is available at any Town or City Clerk's Office and public libraries throughout the State. If the voter is unable to submit the form, a family member may apply for the voter.

Please note: If you are an unenrolled (independent) voter, requesting a ballot for a state primary election you must indicate the party of the ballot you request.

Absentee Ballot information for members of U.S. Military and U.S. Citizens Living Abroad is available on the Town Clerk's webpages or go to: www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elemil/milidx.htm

Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates:



Certified copies of birth, death and marriage records may be obtained in person or by mail from the Town Clerk's Office at Belmont Town Hall as well as at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics.

We suggest calling the Town Clerk's Office to be certain that the record is available in Belmont. Certified copies of vital records are \$20.00 each. Cash and checks payable to Town of Belmont are acceptable forms of payment. A mail-in order form is available on the Town Clerk's web pages.

Marriage Licenses: All couples who marry in Massachusetts must have a marriage license issued by a town/city in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To apply for a marriage license the couple must appear in person and apply together at any City/Town Clerk's Office within the Commonwealth. Proper identification, such as a driver's license or passport is required. There is a three day waiting period before the license is available for use, and once obtained, is valid for 60 days from the date the intentions were filed.



Pets and Other Animals General Bylaw § 60-200
<http://ecode360.com/29101991>

Dog and Cat Licenses: According to Belmont General Bylaw 60-200 all dogs and cats age four months and older require a license which is valid from January 1st through December 31st. Licensing must be completed no later than March 15th of each year. A Certificate of Rabies Vaccine (showing current rabies vaccine expiration date) and proof of spay/neuter is required. Renewal licenses are available on-line by American Express, Discover, Master Card, Visa and EFT payment.



Annual Pet License Fees

If licensed in the period January 1 - March 15:

Neutered/Spayed: \$12.00 per pet; Unaltered: \$37.00 per pet

If licensed March 16 - Dec. 31(Late Fees):

Late Fees do not apply to new pets

Neutered/Spayed: \$24.00 per pet; Unaltered: \$49.00 per pet

Pet owners 60 years of age or older may deduct \$3 from the license fee.

Failure to license pets will also result in a \$50.00 violation and requirement to license. Failure to vaccinate pets will result in a \$100 non-criminal violation (MGL Chapter 140)

Cash or check, payable to *Town of Belmont*, are acceptable forms of payment.

Public Records Request: Massachusetts Public Records laws provide access to public documents and other information. The Town of Belmont uses an online portal to streamline requests for public records. You can use this system to make requests, or to help you find your documents online. You may even find what you're looking for without submitting a new request! <https://belmontma.nextrequest.com/>

Business Certificate / Doing Business As: The purpose of a Business Certificate is to disclose business ownership information. Many banks consider it a requirement for opening a business banking account. Massachusetts General Laws, Ch.110 § 5 require that all businesses operating under any title other than the real name of the person conducting the business, whether individually or as partnership, obtain a Business Certificate. A Business Certificate is not required if any corporation is doing business under its true corporate name, nor is it required to any partnership doing business under any title which includes the true surname of any partner.



Home Based Business: In Belmont, if the business is located in your home, you must first acquire a Home Occupation Permit in person from the Office of Community Development. The permit is a zoning check per the Belmont Zoning Bylaw 3.4.2 and is valid for four years. The price is currently \$30 and must be presented to the Town Clerk's office when filing for a Business Certificate.

**Please note that if the residence is leased, a letter of consent is required from the landlord and must be presented to the Office of Community Development with the Home Occupation permit application.*

A Business Certificate (DBA) is valid for four years and costs \$50, cash or check made payable to the Town of Belmont. Applicants must apply in person in the Town Clerk's office with valid photo ID and all owners of the business must be present to sign the documents. Attestation to the Social Security Number or Federal Employer ID Number (FEIN) is also required.

Yard Sale Permits: In order to hold a private sale (also known as garage sales, yard sales, tag sales, etc.) in Belmont, you must first file for a Private Sale Permit for free.



<https://www.mapsonline.net/belmontma/forms/standalone.html.php?id=244636909&sid=3be8dc525d5caf48a749477069c2e5ff>. If you do not have access to the internet or email, contact the Town Clerk's office at or visit us in person for assistance. You will receive the permit via email as soon as you submit the request for the specified date, time, and address. Private sales are limited to three per address per calendar year. If you have applied for a permit and the sale is canceled due to rain, contact the Town Clerk to have that permit restored to your annual allowance. If the database indicates that three such sales have already occurred at the address, no additional permits will be issued for the current calendar year. Please note that for Neighborhood Sales, each address must file for its own Private Sale Permit.

Yard Sale General Bylaw § 60-910 **<http://ecode360.com/29076260>**

Any person or group intending to hold a Private Sale shall obtain a permit therefor from the Town Clerk. No more than three permits per calendar year may be issued for Private Sales at a single address. Any person or group holding a Private Sale shall take appropriate steps to avoid creating traffic congestion, unsafe parking conditions, unreasonable noise or other neighborhood nuisance. A single Private Sale may be held over the course of a Saturday and Sunday in a single weekend between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. All unsold items or objects from the sale shall be stored out of public view by 6:00 p.m. All signs erected or posted in connection with a Private Sale shall be promptly removed at the end of the sale.

Running for Town Meeting Member or Town-Wide Office:

Belmont is divided into eight voting precincts, each consisting of 36 representative members, twelve elected annually. Terms for a Town Meeting Member are three years, though should a resignation occur, there would be an opening to serve for the remainder of original term.

Candidates for Town Meeting Member or for Town-Wide Office be at least 18 years old and a registered voter of the Town of Belmont. Detailed information is available on the Town Clerk's web pages.

Appointed & Elected Officials of the Town of Belmont

MGL Chapter 41, Section 107

Upon election or appointment to a Town office, board, commission or committee, the individual must be administered the oath of office (be sworn in to serve) at the Town Clerk's Office prior to participating in a meeting. At that time, the office holder will be provided a copy of the

State's Open Meeting Law, Public Records Law and Ethics/Conflict of Interest Law and must submit a receipt of same. Newly elected and re-elected Town Meeting Members are administered the oath of office at the first session of each Town Meeting.

<u>Elected Officials</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>
Moderator	1
Board of Selectmen	3
Treasurer	1
Town Clerk	1
Board of Assessors	3
Board of Cemetery Commissioners	3
Board of Health	3
Housing Authority	5
Trustees of the Public Library	6
Members of the School Committee	6



Link to Belmont General Bylaws:
<http://ecode360.com/BE3086>

Examples of other items issued from the Town Clerk's office:
Public notices and meeting minutes, Town Meeting information, Zoning Board and Planning Board decisions, Business Certificates, Fuel Storage Registrations, Raffle Permits, Business Licenses (Antiques, Kennels, Class I and Class II Automobile, Common Victualler, Junk, Livery Service, Lodging House, Movie Theater and Taxi) Residency Letters and information about Ethics, Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law.

BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

617-993-5400

Administration/Central Office
644 Pleasant Street

<http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/>

New students registering for Belmont Public Schools are required to submit a School Department Registration Packet including a Landlord Verification Form found on the Town website (see Schools or Town Clerk), from the School Department, at each public school office and at the Town Clerk's office. Once residing in Belmont proof of Belmont residency is required when registering for school in addition to: Child's birth certificate or passport, school records, record of health and vaccination.

The public school system includes the following schools:

Belmont High School	617-993-5900
221 Concord Avenue	Serves grades 9 - 12

Chenery Middle School	617-993-5800
95 Washington Street	Serves grades 5 - 8

Burbank Elementary School	617-993-5500
266 School Street	Serves grades K - 4

Butler Elementary School	617-993-5550
90 White Street	Serves grades K - 4

Wellington Elementary School	617-993-5600
121 Orchard Street	Serves grades K - 4

Winn Brook Elementary School	617-993-5700
97 Waterhouse Road	Serves grades K - 4

Minuteman Regional Vocational High School

781-861-6500

758 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02421 www.minuteman.org

Belmont is a member community and a founding member of Minuteman High School, a regional education option for Belmont students. They offer a challenging, integrated curriculum for students to develop academic, vocational, and technical skills.

Community Education

617-993-5401

644 Pleasant Street

Email Kelly Higgins at: Khiggins@belmont.k12.ma.us

A wide variety of classes for Belmont residents is offered in the spring and fall for a nominal charge. For a Community Education Book of course descriptions and a registration form:

<http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/education/>. Booklets are customarily mailed to each Belmont home prior to registration period.

PARKS & RECREATION

617-993-2760

19 Moore Street

http://belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_Recreation/index

Belmont provides its residents with numerous recreation facilities and programs throughout the town, including playgrounds, outdoor tennis courts, indoor and outdoor pools, field house and fitness room at Belmont High School, ball fields and a skating rink. Programs are offered year-round for Belmont families. Check their webpages for more information on programs for children, teens and adults. Membership and enrollment can be made on line.

Off Leash Permit for Dogs: This permit entitles the bearer to allow a licensed dog to play without a leash at Belmont High School, Winn Brook School, Grove Street, Town Field and Pequossette Fields when NOT in use by permitted groups. A current year dog license and an evaluation by the Animal Control Officer are required for this permit. The cost is \$50 for 2017.

The Payson Park Music Festival, sponsored in part by the Recreation Department, offers outdoor musical entertainment for all ages throughout the summer months. A full schedule of events is available at: www.ppmf.org

Beech Street Center (Senior Center)

617-993-2970

266 Beech Street

<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/council-on-aging>

The Council on Aging is charged with the responsibility of advocating on behalf of the seniors of Belmont and ensuring that their social, financial and healthcare needs are met. Services include transportation for shopping and medical needs by reservation; nutrition services, (meals on wheels and daily luncheon); social services (confidential referrals and help with concerns); programs and newsletter (cultural, educational, recreational, holiday observance, entitlement, athletic, and social). The Council on Aging has a network of appropriate resources available for Elders both in Belmont as well as outside the community.

Outreach Worker: For assistance with family and individual counseling/counseling and support, crisis intervention, community resources and information, networking & referrals, information on fuel, utilities and financial assistance, please call 617-993-2983

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

366 Concord Avenue

617-993-2850

www.belmont.lib.ma.us

The Belmont Public Library has a circulating collection of books, videos, audio books, music CDs, magazines and CD-ROMs. Your library card also provides you direct borrowing privileges and interlibrary loan access to 36 public and 7 college libraries within the Minuteman Library Network. Museum passes are also available. The Library's collection is composed of a growing number of online resources. These databases provide a wealth of resources for free, through the library's website.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)

617-993-2680

19 Moore Street

http://belmont-ma.gov/Public_Documents/BelmontMA_PublicWorks/index

The DPW consists of four Divisions: Highway, Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, Water & Sewer.

Solid Waste Collection Trash is collected weekly. All materials must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your designated collection day. All regular household refuse must be bagged and placed in the black 64 gallon cart for trash collection; leave 3ft. between solid waste and recycling carts. Material may not be sticking out of the cart and lid must be fully closed. Do NOT place recyclables in the **Black** cart. Excessive trash needs to be put in a purchased overflow bag and placed next to the cart. A single bulky item such as a chair or mattress that does not fit in the cart may be disposed of by calling Waste Management at (800)972-4545 by 1pm the day prior to scheduled trash collection.

Recycling is collected every other week.

- Use the 96 gallon cart with blue or green lid for all acceptable recyclables.
- Recycling material must be loose, no sorting required.
- Do not put recyclables in plastic bags.
- Containers that held food should be rinsed and free of food debris.

Yard Waste Spring Yard waste is collected every other week on your recycling day. Collection begins April 1, 2019 for residents with blue bins. Collection begins April 8, 2019 for residents with Green bins. No plastic bags accepted. Yard waste must be placed curbside in 32-gallon trash containers, marked with two Yard Waste stickers provided by the town or be placed in 30-gallon brown paper biodegradable

bags. Containers may not exceed 50 lbs. in weight. Acceptable Materials include: Grass clippings, leaves and limbs less than 3 feet in length and no larger than 1 inch in diameter.

Fall Leaf Collection: Leaves and yard waste will be collected curbside EVERY week on your regular rubbish day between October 22nd and December 6th if they are in trash barrels (no greater than 32 gallons or more than 50 lbs.) marked with two yard waste stickers provided by the Town or put in 30 gallon brown biodegradable paper bags (not weighing more than 50 lbs.). No plastic bags accepted

Christmas trees will be collected the first two full weeks of January.

Recycling Stickers: Stickers cost \$25.00 per appliance or CRT. Call the Highway Division office at (617) 993-2690 by noon on Wednesday to schedule a pick-up for the next available Thursday. Stickers may be purchased at the DPW or Town Clerk's office, Star Market, Winters Hardware, and Hillside Garden Supply.

For Waste and Recycling Calendar & more info, go to:
http://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/belmontma/files/pages/2019_brochure.pdf

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

617-993-2650

19 Moore Street

<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/community-development>

The Building Division oversees and inspects all building construction within the Town. Any building work beyond the scope of ordinary repair requires a building permit. These construction activities are regulated by the Massachusetts State Building Code. The Code is enforced and interpreted in Belmont by the Inspector of Buildings. Any questions or requests for clarification can be made by telephoning 617-993-2664 or by going to the office directly.

The Engineering Division provides information on sanitary sewers and storm drains and is the keeper of records of house plans and street layouts. The Division is responsible for the development, design, and construction oversight of all major roadway construction under the Pavement Management Program. The Division is also responsible for the development, design, and construction oversight of all major sanitary sewer and storm drain rehabilitation projects. The Division also provides technical assistance with other special projects.

The Plumbing and Gas Division

The Plumbing and Gas Inspector is a shared position with the Town of Watertown. SUMMER Office hours for the Inspector are Monday-Thursday from 12:30-1:30 pm and Friday 10:30-11:30 am. He is available during that time to answer questions or schedule inspections. Inspections can also be scheduled by calling the Office of Community Development/ Plumbing & Gas Division at 617-993-2662. Inspections are conducted following office hours between 1:30-4:00 pm Monday-Thursday and Friday 11:30-1:00.

The Planning Division

provides professional "in-house" planning services to the Town offering guidance on land use issues to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator. The Division staffs the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, and other temporary land use study committees established by the Town. The Division represents the Town at regional and state meetings involving land use matters. The Division also works closely with other town departments seeking grants for historic preservation, affordable housing, open space, and transportation.

Residential Snow Removal General Bylaw 60-800

<http://ecode360.com/27111871>



The purpose of this Bylaw Section is to encourage owners of residential property to remove the snow, slush, and ice from abutting Sidewalks so that Sidewalks throughout the Town are safe for use during the winter season, and so that the Town's local services and amenities are reasonably accessible by pedestrians via Sidewalks. Snow, slush, and ice shall be removed from the Sidewalk to a width of at least 36 inches or, if the Sidewalk is narrower, for the full width of the Sidewalk not later than 8 p.m. the following day after the cessation of a weather event that has resulted in snow, slush or ice. The Director of Community Development will be responsible for the overall administration of the enforcement provisions of this bylaw.

TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR & PARKING CLERK

Elected Treasurer, Floyd S. Carman
19 Moore Street

617-993-2770

<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/treasurer-and-tax-collector>

The Town of Belmont real estate and personal property tax bills are issued on a quarterly schedule. Payments are due by 4 p.m. in the Tax Collector's office on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st or the following regular business day if the 1st falls on a weekend.

The Treasurer also serves as the appointed Parking Clerk. Payments for violations are due within 21 days after the violation was written to avoid added fees and possible non-renewable status at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. If you wish to contest a violation, you must do so in writing within 21 days of the violation date.

Vehicle Excise tax bills, although collected by the Town, are generated from the records of the Registry of Motor Vehicles as of January 1st of the bill year.

Residents may pay on-line, mail or drop off tax payments, electric light bill payment, water bill payments or any other town payment to the Treasurer's Office or in the payment box located outside 19 Moore Street (at the foot of the stairs).

Vehicles and Parking General Bylaw § 60-910

<http://ecode360.com/27111889>

Overnight parking is prohibited on all of Belmont's public and private ways. Belmont General Bylaws 60-805 B.(7) states, "Parking for over one hour between the hours of 1 a.m. - 7 a.m. is prohibited." For more information please call the Officer-In-Charge at the Police Department: 617-993-2530



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Officer

Veterans Agent

19 Moore Street

617-993-2720

617-993-2724

617-993-2725

<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/health-department>

The Health Department provides an array of services under the general heading of disease prevention and health promotion. Please check their webpages or call for information on, but not limited to:

- Animal control and enforcement (Belmont by-laws require Dogs to be on leash, owners must pick up after their dogs and both cats and dogs must be licensed.)
- Annual Rabies Clinic for cats and dogs (held in the Spring)
- Asbestos and lead paint information and referral
- Dumpsters
- Minuteman Hazardous Product Facility (Advance registration is required)
- Mercury Recovery Program

- Rechargeable battery collection
- Seasonal Flu Clinics (held in the Fall)
- Inspections of Food Establishment

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR and BOARD OF SELECTMEN

617-993-2610

455 Concord Avenue

<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/board-of-selectmen>

There are three elected, part-time members of the Board of Selectmen who oversee all aspects of town business including developing community goals, preparing the budget and warrant for Town Meeting, managing town services by holding public meetings. The agendas for their public meetings are posted on the Town Hall bulletin board and the Town of Belmont website. Day-to-day operations of the town are managed by the full-time Town Administrator. Any citizen who has an item for the Board's agenda should contact the Town Administrator's office at least one week in advance of the meeting so that time may be set aside for discussion. Contact by E-Mail: selectmen@belmont-ma.gov

Selectmen: Thomas Caputo, Chair
 Adam Dash, Vice Chair
 Roy Epstein

Town Administrator: Patrice Garvin

ASSESSORS OFFICE

617-993-2630

19 Moore Street

<http://www.belmont-ma.gov/assessors-office>

The Belmont Assessors' Office must appraise and assess approximately 8000 parcels of property. If you have questions regarding assessments, filing an abatement application, tax relief programs (exemptions) from real estate taxes, or filing for abatement on motor vehicle excise tax, please call the Assessors' Office or visit their webpages.

BELMONT LIGHT

617-993-2800

40 Prince Street

<http://www.belmontlight.com/>

Belmont Light is a community-owned utility providing customer service and power to residential, commercial and industrial customers of Belmont. New residents can create an account with Belmont Light by visiting the office. For new residential service, information on Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program, recycling of compact fluorescent light bulbs and report power outages, etc., please call or visit.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Accounting		617-993-2620
Building Services		617-993-2640
Fire & Fire Prevention	Non-Emergency:	617-993-2210
Human Resources		617-993-2740
Information Technology		617-993-2750
Police	Non-Emergency:	617-993-2501
Retirement		617-993-2792

Public Transportation

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

MBTA Maps and Schedule Information: www.mbta.com

Customer Service & Travel Info: 617-222-3200

Toll Free: 1-800-392-6100

TTY: 617-222-5146

By T... (Subway train) Alewife station, the end of the Red line, is about 1.5 miles from Belmont Center, where Route 2 crosses into Cambridge from Arlington.

By Bus... There are several routes to and through town.

ROUTE 73, which runs from Harvard Sq, (Cambridge) up Mt Auburn St, to Belmont St, to Trapelo Rd, to Waverley Sq.

ROUTE 74, which runs from Harvard Sq, (Cambridge) up Concord Ave, down Blanchard (south), back to Concord Ave, past the High School and to Belmont Center

ROUTE 78, which runs from Harvard Sq, (Cambridge) up Concord Ave, up Blanchard (north), to Pleasant St at Rt 2, up Rt 2, then into Arlington.

ROUTE 84 and Route 76 and Route 62, which run from Alewife along Route 2, then veer off to Arlington or Lexington.

ROUTE 554, which runs from Roberts/Brandeis to Waverley Square to Central Sq., (Waltham) to Newton Corner and Downtown Boston.

By Commuter Rail... There are two rail stops in Belmont, Belmont Center and Waverley Square, both on the Fitchburg to North Station, Boston line.

OTHER RESOURCES

Annual Town Day

Town Day (in May) and Holiday Tree Lighting (in December) are sponsored by the Belmont Center Business Association. For dates and times contact Champions Sporting Goods at 617-489-4930.

Beaver Brook Reservation

Owned and operated by the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, it is about 59 acres of open fields, wetlands and woodlands on the Waltham line where Trapelo Rd. meets Mill St. (near Waverley). Activities include hiking, playground, cross-country skiing, fishing, picnic area and a summertime "spray deck". For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-boston/beaver-brook-reservation.html>

The Belmont Gallery of Art

In conjunction with The Belmont Cultural Council has created a permanent public art gallery, located on the third floor of the Homer Municipal Building at 19 Moore Street. The gallery exhibits artistic works in a variety of two and three-dimensional media, including painting, drawing, photography, graphics, fabric art, collage, printmaking and sculpture. Summer Hours: *June 2 - September 2* Monday - Thursday 10am-4pm; Fridays 10am-12 noon; Sunday 1-4 JUNE ONLY; Closed Labor Day Weekend. For further information go to: <http://www.belmontgallery.org/>

Belmont Historical Society

P. O. Box 125, Belmont Phone: 617-993-2878
Founded in 1930 the mission of the Belmont Historical Society is to preserve and maintain the history of Belmont for its residents. Members manage the Claflin Room (located in the Belmont Public Library) which contains materials related to the town including murals, original art, town reports, books by Belmont authors, and historical artifacts. Publications (*Belmont - Images of America* and *Belmont Then and Now*) and other gift items may be purchased through the Belmont Historical Society or at the Town Clerk's Office. Proceeds go to Belmont Historical Society.

Belmont Housing Authority

The Housing Authority provides housing assistance for low-income families, veterans, and the elderly, handicapped/disabled and developmentally disabled. For more information call 617-484-2160

Belmont Farmers Market

Market hours are Thursdays, 2:00-6:30 p.m., June through October in the Belmont Center rear parking lot. Sale of fresh items directly from local farmers and producers including vegetables, fruit, baked goods, meat, cereals, honey, jam, eggs, cheese, sauces, plants and more. For more information: www.belmontfarmersmarket.org/

Belmont Food Pantry

This is a nonprofit organization; resources are available to Belmont residents. One must show proof of Belmont residency to use the pantry. Location: Belmont Town Hall, 455 Concord Avenue, Belmont. Pantry hours: 1st & 3rd Saturday 8:30-9:30 am; 2nd & 4th Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm; 4th Sunday 1:30-2:30 pm. Deliveries of food donations may also be made during the times listed above. Monetary donations are graciously accepted and can be mailed to Belmont Food Pantry, PO Box 291, Belmont 02478

Email Contact: Belmontfoodpantry@gmail.com
www.sites.google.com/site/thebelmontfoodpantry/

Belmont Media Center (BMC)

BMC is a Public, Educational, & Government Access TV Center for residents, institutions & the Town of Belmont. BMC offers video programming and video coverage of many official Belmont meetings as well as community programs and events.

Customers of Comcast tune to Channel 8 or 9

Customers of Verizon tune to Channel 28 or 29

BMC is located at 9 Lexington Street. For more information:

<http://www.belmontmedia.org/home>

Belmont Victory Gardens (Town of Belmont)

Community gardens are located on the Town's Rock Meadow Conservation area on Mill Street. They are managed by the Belmont Conservation Commission. Registration and an annual fee are required

for garden plots; Contact Mary Trudeau, Belmont Conservation Agent, at mtrudeau@town.belmont.ma.us or call 617-993-2667.

Fishing License

State Hunting and Fishing Licenses (including Saltwater Fishing Permits) are available at: www.countmyfish.noaa.gov

Habitat: 10 Juniper Road (Massachusetts Audubon Society)

A 1914 Georgian-style house leads to approximately ninety acres with gardens, trails, meadows, ponds and wetlands. Habitat offers a variety of educational opportunities. For admission and hours: www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Habitat/index.php

League of Women Voters

The league provides published material and sponsors various educational forums and events throughout the year for Belmont residents including Candidate Night. The League often offers rides to the election polls. Website: <http://belmont.ma.lwnet.org/index.html>

Lone Tree Hill, Belmont Conservation Land

Town of Belmont Conservation Land trails through more than 100 pristine acres of meadows, mature woods, & wetland areas. The property is managed by the McLean Land Management Committee. Parking is available in Mill Street Lot. For trails plan, rules and more information go to www.belmont-ma.gov. Select: Boards & Commissions/McLean Land Management.

Newspapers and Media

Belmont-Citizen Herald: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/belmont/>
Boston Globe: <http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/>
Boston Herald: <http://bostonherald.com/>
The Belmontonian: <http://belmontonian.com/>

Registry of Deeds

Search or file recorded or registered land, Homestead Act and Document Recording for Middlesex County. Address: 208 Cambridge

Street, P. O. Box 68, East Cambridge, MA.
<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/rod/rodmidsth/midsthidx.htm>

Registry of Motor Vehicles

The closest branch is located in the Watertown Mall, 550 Arsenal Street, Watertown. For information on driver's licenses and vehicle registrations go to: www.massdot.state.ma.us/rmv

Registry of Vital Records and Statistics

This Registry maintains a central index and copies of records for all births, deaths and marriages that have occurred in Massachusetts. Certified copies may be obtained from the Vital Records Registry in person or by mail. For further information please call (617) 740-2600. Mailing address: Registry of Vital Records, 150 Mount Vernon St., 1st Floor, Dorchester, MA 02125-3105 or on the web:
<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/health-stats/vitals/>

Rock Meadow

Rock Meadow is Town of Belmont public conservation land and comprises 70 acres of meadow, wetlands, streams, and woods. Located on Mill Street, it is a part of the Western Greenway, a corridor of undeveloped green spaces that connects the towns of Belmont, Waltham, and Lexington. It provides significant habitat for plants and animals that are rapidly disappearing as forests and suburbs encroach upon former farmland. Rock Meadow offers opportunities for hiking, birding, biking, picnicking, cross-country skiing, and community gardening (Belmont Victory Gardens).

Social Security

Apply for a Social Security card; replace lost cards or married name change. Phone: 1-800-772-1213.
Local offices: 50 Prospect Street, 2nd Fl., Waltham, MA 02453
Or: 10 Fawcett Street, 1st Fl., Cambridge, MA 02138

United State Post Office

Phone: 1-800-275-8777 or on the web: www.usps.com
Belmont Branches: 405 Concord Avenue 617-484-4201
492 Trapelo Road 617-484-4724

Utilities Serving Belmont

Cable, Internet & Phone

Comcast: www.comcast.com

Verizon: <http://www.verizon.com>

Gas

National Grid: www.nationalgridus.com

For Natural Gas Emergencies: 1-800-233-5325.

For existing customers: 1-800-732-3400

For new installations: 1-877-696-4743

Electricity

Belmont Light: 617-993-2800

Water

Belmont Water Division: 617-993-2700

After Hours Emergency/Phone Number: 617-484-3977

Water source from the MWRA: www.mwra.com

Waverley Trail

Talk a walk along a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile interpretive trail communicating local conservation efforts. There are several beautiful historic buildings, landscapes and a stand of oak trees at the DCR's Beaver Brook Reservation. <http://waverleytrail.org/>

Other Helpful Numbers

Cambridge District Court	781-306-2710
Cambridge Superior Court (Middlesex)	781-939-2700
Middlesex Probate & Family Court	617-768-5800
Middlesex South Registry of Deeds	617-679-6300
State Representative Dave Rogers	617-722-2400
State Senator Will Brownsberger	617-722-1280
Watertown-Belmont Chamber of Commerce	617-926-1017

On the Cover: In 1882, a town seal was adopted. The design represents a statue of Pomona, the goddess of fruits and gardens. Also shown is the spire of the original First Church, the town hall, and the railroad. The scene is drawn on a trefoil to symbolize the three towns from which Belmont took its territory. The whole is encircled by two rings, between which is engraved the words "Belmont Incorporated 1859."

Extracted from: *Images of America, Belmont*, 2000

LEGEND

- Town Buildings
- ① MBTA Commuter Rail Stations
- MBTA Commuter Rail Lines
- Open Space

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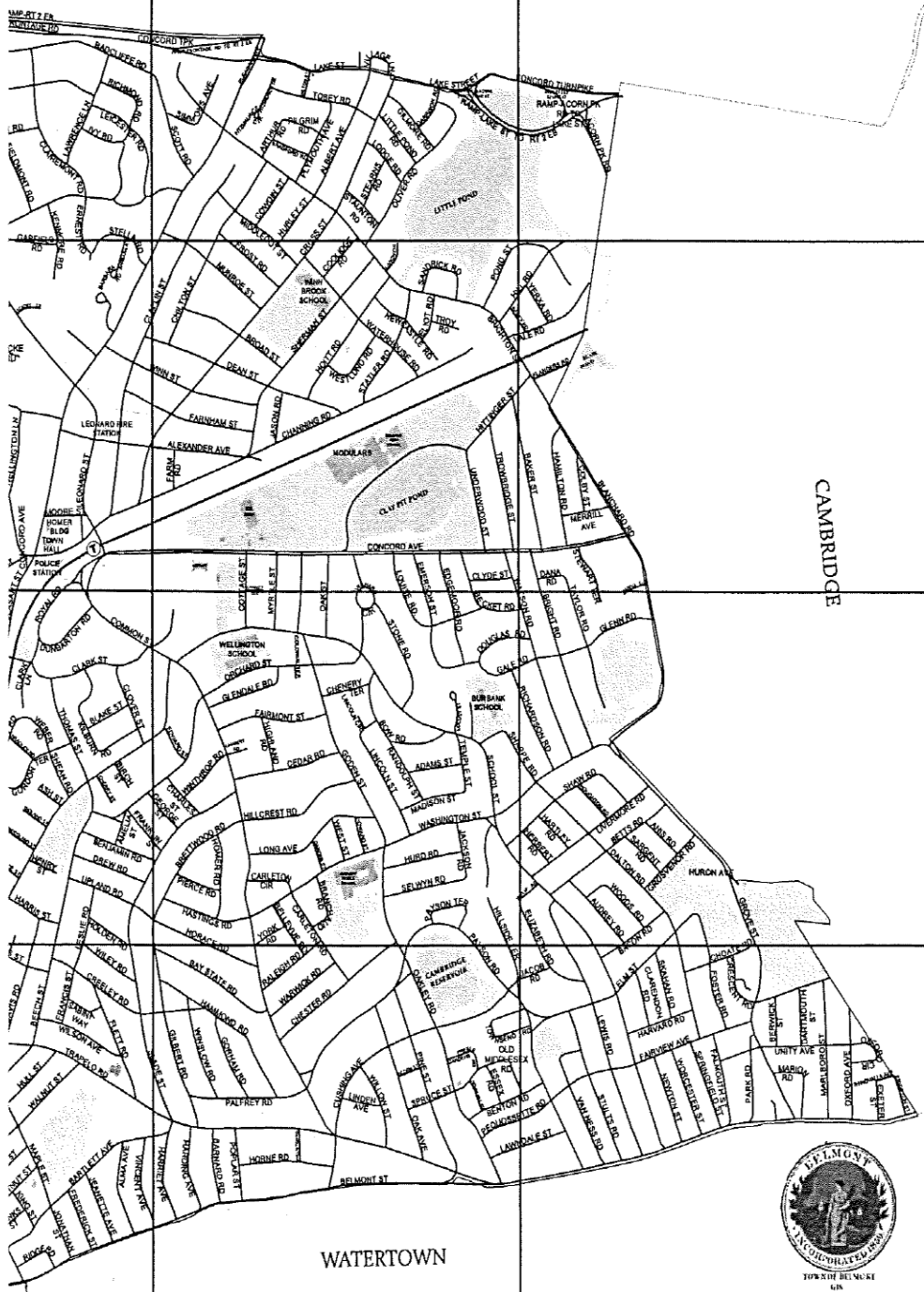
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1838

PHONE LIST OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Area Code: 617

In Case of Emergency, dial 911

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Animal Control Officer, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St.	993-2724
Assessors, Homer Bldg, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St.....	993-2630
Building Services, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St.....	993-2640
Cemetery.....	993-2710
Belmont Cemetery, 121 Grove Street	
Highland Meadow Cemetery, 700 Concord Avenue	
Community Development, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St.....	993-2650
Building Division	993-2664
Engineering Division.....	993-2665
Planning Division	993-2666
Plumbing & Gas.....	993-2662
Electrical	993-2661
Inspection Line.....	993-2663
Council on Aging, Beech Street Center, 266 Beech St.....	993-2970
Emergency Management, 299 Trapelo Road	993-2260
Fire Department, 299 Trapelo Road . . . Non-Emergency	993-2210
Health Department, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St	993-2720
Library, 336 Concord Avenue	993-2850
Light, 40 Prince St.....	993-2800
Parking Clerk, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St	993-2770
Parks & Cemetery Division, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St.....	993-2710
Police, 460 Concord Avenue . . . Non-Emergency	993-2501
Traffic Division.....	617-993-2530
Public Works, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St	993-2680
Snow Emergency Hotline	993-2698
Recreation, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St	993-2760
School Department, 644 Pleasant St.	993-5400
Selectmen, Town Hall, 455 Concord Ave.	993-2610
Town Clerk, Town Hall, 455 Concord Ave.	993-2600
Treasurer, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St.....	993-2770
Veterans' Agent, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St	993-2725
Water, Homer Bldg, 19 Moore St	993-2700
General Information.....	993-2600